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1. There is great mining activity in Bulgaria. The Lenin Metallurgical Mining Kombinat reached a capacity production of 50,000 tons of steel and 40,000 tons of cast iron, during the past year. It is now endeavoring to better this production record for the year 1954. The results of this effort, for the first two months of the year, have been satisfactory, in spite of bad weather. The Kombinat hopes that the coming months will show even better results.
2. In the Rhedope Basin, at Dimitrovgrad and Rudozem, there are now new installations, erected in 1953, to clean and refine ore. Dimitrovgrad now has a third kiln for the production of cement. This has been added to the Vulkan factories. The Karl Marx Kombinat is now finishing its preparations for the production of caustic soda.
3. The coal mining industry is also expanding. New coal mines at locations not specified. At the same time, exploitation of the following mines is being increased: G. Dimitrov, Bobovdol, Pirin, "Tchenomore" (probably Cherno More), Marishki Basin, Chumerma, Slivenski, Lev, and Anthracit.
4. Schools of Mines and mining researches are being encouraged with a budget of 2,816,000 leva.

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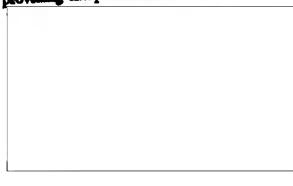
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